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West Virginia Politics.

The Charleston *Journal* canvassing the question of a nomination for Governor, expresses a preference first for General Dent, or if he declines, then for Hon. C. D. Hubbard or Hon. Daniel Polsley.

A correspondent of the Preston county *Republican* advocates the nomination of James C. Wilson, Esq., for Congress in the Second District.

Mr. Lewis Clements, in the *Independent Boiler*, narrates the following charming story of Theodoric, King of Argentile: One day, seeing a girl of remarkable beauty in a room of a prison, and wishing to ameliorate her condition, he offered to marry her in a conciliatory manner. The prisoner regarded it as a mockery, and refused to be one of her own wife. "All right," replied the King. "Beg, if you like. But then to-morrow's right to beg is not kingdom one must be executed." And he ordered a basket and a fork to be cut from the girl.

The Cathedral of St. Peter's, in Tacna, Peruvia, claims to possess the enormous gastronomical organ which the soldiers cast into it to surrender to the Calendar by the Empress Helena. It is exhibited but fourteen in a century. At the last exhibition of it, in 1766, 8,000,000 pilgrims visited Tacna to see it, and numerous instances of healing are said to have been performed. A writer in the Roman Catholic *Register*, says a former Catholic priest, who, he adds, is a Roman Catholic priest, who, he adds, is a Roman Catholic priest, "The sick and blind will return healed, the blind will see, the deaf hear, the dumb speak, the lame walk, the dead will arise, and all things marvelous will come to pass in the light of day."

The New York Legislature having on Wednesday passed a stringent bill for the suppression of obscene literature, a Democratic member moved to amend it on the ground that it was an infringement upon the Democratic creed. It was voted down by the Democratic vote. Mr. Keady, for such is the immortal name of this candid legislator, was aided in his efforts by several of the representatives of the Democratic city of New York, who evidently feel apprehensive that the sale of obscene publications would seriously injure the Democratic press. The motion to reconsider was lost and the bill will now become a law. All honor to it! It is denounced as "another radical outrage."

As the arrangements have been completed for a public demonstration in New York, in favor of the disenfranchisement of the Irish Church, it will come off during anniversary week. Though it is admitted that the issues involved partake of a political character, yet many clergymen are of the opinion that a word or two of sympathy from America will do good and help to strengthen the Liberal cause at home. The meeting will be addressed by many eminent advocates of civil and religious freedom, including two or three English clergymen, on coming from London. It was thought that addresses of this character would be given to the Democratic delegation by the polished orator Father and other Episcopal clergy, and a correspondence has accordingly been opened with them soliciting their co-operation. As it is the Episcopal Church it is presumed, therefore, the expectation is that the clergy of that denomination could do a good service to the right side by showing how much the monarchical element among in the country weighs in the Democratic conventions, or any connection, whatever with the State.

Grand Lodge Session of I. O. O. F.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

The fifteenth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars of Pennsylvania will be held at Williamsport, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. on the 19th of June. Each subordinate Lodge is entitled to one representative. Any Lodge having two hundred members on the 30th of April can send two representatives, and one for each additional hundred. Representatives must be Third Degree members. The election of officers will take place at the first meeting of the Lodge in May. On page 15 of Constitution the form of credential may be seen. The representatives will return their credentials, duly signed for at the Grand Lodge. A certificate of the election of representatives should be forwarded to the G. W. S., E. Ellen Wright, Lancaster, Pa., immediately after election.

The coming Grand Session will be one of unprecedented importance. At the session held in Pittsburgh in June last, there were 700 members of the order in attendance, since that time the membership has increased largely. It is expected there will be at least one thousand representatives and members present at the coming session. All lodges should see to it that their representatives are present, as the business of great importance will be transacted.

The order has now upwards of five hundred lodges in Pennsylvania, and in North America, there are about sixteen hundred Grand Lodges, with a total membership of not far from one million.

E. ELLEN G. T., of Pa.

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THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL.

Manager Wilson Concludes His Speech.

THE Between Butler and Nelson.

Opening Part of Mr. Evarts's Argument.

Republicans Still Confident of Conviction.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28, 1868.

At the opening of the Senate this morning, Senator Sumner submitted an order entering a point upon which there has been considerable conversation for a number of days past. It prescribes in effect that only a majority shall be required to declare judgment. This goes over till after the close of the argument.

Manager Williams then finished reading his speech. It contained nothing particularly new beyond the speeches on impeachment and the stiff senate till in the House. He concluded at 1:05, when the Senate took a recess, with the understanding that Mr. Evarts would take the floor at its close. This belief caused the galleries to fill up rapidly and when the Chief Justice called the Senate to order, there was a larger crowd of spectators than at any time since Butler's speech. Before Mr. Evarts proceeded, Mr. Butler took occasion, by leave of the Senate, to explain the letters Mr. Nelson had read in the course of his speech, charging several of the managers and some of the members of the House in trying to influence the President in the Alta Vela claim. Mr. Butler explained that he had, at the request of one of the counsel in that case who was a personal friend of his, written an opinion in brief on a single sheet, without date, about the middle of February, and that he had been shown a copy of the copy of it, and dated March 9th, and that the opinions of others whose names were attached had been separately obtained. Mr. Butler charged that the President had both suppressed the truth and suggested falsehood to his counsel (Mr. Nelson) in the information given the latter of the matter, and at the same time Mr. Butler disclaimed any belief that Mr. Nelson had been any party to the matter. To this Mr. Nelson made a heated reply, and made use of the word "gloves," flaunted back with scorn," and said at one point in his old Southern style, that he was ready to meet the honorable manager elsewhere. On the second interruption of this kind, Senator Yates called him to order, and he made an apology. Both Nelson and Mr. Evarts appeared greatly worried by his performance at this point. Manager Logan was about to take part, when Senator Edmunds objected, and the matter was allowed to rest.

The Chief Justice then directed counsel for the President to proceed, and Mr. Evarts rose in front. The perfect silence that ensued the moment he began. The first part of his speech created the impression that his object was to set himself right before the country in regard to his connection with the case, that it was purely professional. His presentation of the case as embracing all the Departments of the Government, the House of Representatives, the Senate, the President, of counsel and Chief Justice presiding, was very impressive. He then set forth that in fact it was the people that had instituted it here that were on trial, and depicted the effective and triumphant working of the legal instrument in terms that were both strong and new, even here, where the Constitution is so much spoken about. The argument upon the question whether the Senate was a Court was the most striking yet offered, in the position taken that if not Court it was a nullity and the Senators lawbreakers. So fresh is a fact in matter upon the charges which would seem to be of conviction, although the conviction of the President would not be final

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CROP AND FRUIT PROSPECT.

Our friends everywhere will confer a favor by writing us briefly concerning the grain and fruit prospect, and the farming and business prospect generally. We shall be obliged for any item of local interest that may be within their knowledge.

THE Baltimore and Ohio Railway is delivering Chicago wheat in Baltimore on terms and with a promptness that will be likely to wake up the old lines. A paragraph on the subject in another column, from the Baltimore *American*, is very suggestive.

THE country should be gratified with the assurance that the speaking on both sides, before the High Court of Impeachment, will end some time, probably next week. Two, possibly three, more speeches remain unannounced. Mr. WILLIAMS concluded yesterday. The most that can be said now is that Mr. BINGHAM will conclude the case when the others are through. Something is said about the argument ending as early as Tuesday next.

THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

MR. WADE'S succession to the Presidency within the next ten or fifteen days, is not only highly probable but almost absolutely certain. In any other country a change of this kind would be attended by innumerable dangers, perhaps by revolution. Here the surface shows scarcely a ripple. The fact itself is accepted, and the public mind instantly passes on to consider who will go into the new Cabinet and what will be the effect on the question of the Vice-Presidency, and the Republican party in general. It is to these questions that about the only interest attaches.

The formation of a new Cabinet must speedily engage the attention of Mr. WADE. That so little is known concerning his views in this regard suggests, perhaps, the degree of the doubt which has until quite recently hung over the result of the trial. That Mr. WADE should have succeeded, since conviction has become hardly doubtful, in preventing even the faintest idea as to his probable course proves that, like GRANT, he can be reticent. If we were to accept Mr. WADE'S chief elements of character as stand-points for predictions concerning his Cabinet and administration, we might conclude that some sublime and perhaps rather strange changes will follow his induction into office. A man with so much individuality as Mr. WADE must necessarily infuse some of it into his administration. Having a reputation for more honesty than prudence, he will be quite likely to disappoint some of his friends and challenge criticism. His acts as a general thing have to the end stood the test about as well as those of most of men, and we can safely say concerning his course that it will be chosen with a fixed purpose, and deliberately adhered to. Hail in the heart of ANDREW JOHNSON, the fact that he has some of his mental qualities, might produce some concern. It would be useless to deny that the strong characteristics in Mr. WADE'S public and private character have with some constituted an objection to him in connection with the Presidential office. But his career of fidelity to his party and its principles dispels the apprehension of danger, though we may safely assume that "BEN. WADE" of the Senate will be the "BEN. WADE" of the White House.

That he who in all probability is about to succeed to the Presidency has cares and perplexities in his own mind many names with the view of selecting a Cabinet, is not to be doubted. His long experience in public affairs has made the position as familiar to him as it could be to one who has not actually occupied it. Mr. WADE knows how much depends on the kind of men he shall call around him, and as well as any man in the country does he know how important it is to connect the popular will and not defy it.

The question of the Vice Presidency will scarcely enter into the Cabinet arrangement. The time is too short, even conceding the existence of the motive. But the strong probabilities that GEN. GRANT will at the end of ten months occupy the White House, will, no doubt, be a consideration of no small influence in forming the new administration.

The juncture will seem to the Republican party here in peril as well as its advantages. In the patronage of an administration lurks always an element of weakness, and some are disposed to think that it costs more than it is worth. In a party sense the possession of it at the present moment is not all gain. But the country will be the gainer, and gratefully for this reason the early expulsion of Mr. JOHNSON is viewed with calmness and satisfaction.

DISRAELI ON THEOLOGY.

A letter has been written and published which shows Mr. DISRAELI in a new character, and which will not be likely to increase his popularity. It was written to the Rev. ANDREW BAKER, Rector of Addington, who wrote to the Premier for some explanation of the assertion that "the High Church Ritualists have been long in secret combination, and are now in open conference with Irish Romanists for the destruction of the union between Church and State." He declares that it is altogether a misapprehension, that he entertains anything but the highest respect for the High Church Party; safer from this he is impressed with the fact England is much indebted to them, and always has been since the reign of Queen ANNE. Here we quote the Premier's language:

> "In saying that I have no wish to intimate that the religious views of the country to the other great party in the State, the Church of England, I have never looked upon the existence of parties in any religious body as a misfortune. There are the natural consequences of the mind and of human affairs, and in the Church of England, as in the State, they have contributed to the maintenance of the principles of liberty. Without the High Church party and all others with kindred feelings, he set about to absolutely take the back track and make a high bid for their influence, declaring that he meant not them, but "an extreme faction in the Church of very modern date." Precisely what he means by this, can only be conjectured; but it would seem that if he meant not the Ritualistic party, who certainly are "of very modern date," then the Premier ought to write another letter explaining his language. It is greatly to be doubted if the High Church party are satisfied with this explanation.

FUEL SAVING AND SMOKE CONSUMING.

Amidst the diversity of opinions entertained upon nearly every proposed improvement, we think there will exist no decided hopes or wishes among our citizens upon the subject of saving fuel, and in the process lessening if not entirely removing the smoke nuisance.

Pittsburgh, advantageously and beautifully located, surrounded by noble rivers and a most diversified and unequalled scenery, of valley and highland, acclimated so as to strike the stranger, *when he can see it*, with its peculiar beauty and attractive susceptibility of embellishment and ornamentation, has been inheritor regarded in the great march of improvement, in its buildings public and private, its suburban dwellings and its private and public parks, by the never-lifting veil of smoke that so constantly envelopes it and forbids the enjoyment of nature's gifts in the open air. Somebody has well said, that a morning walk in the pure air, in comely places, surrounded by the voices of nature and the silent hymns that constantly sound to Nature's God, is worth more of health and genuine happiness resulting therefrom than all the physics, billiard-playing, dancing and other artificial appliances for the restoration of health and vitality, that could be forced into the lifetime of man or woman. However true this may be, unless we can remove this smoky canopy we will be compelled to forego the pleasures and invigorating exercise of *outdoor* walks, promenades and plays.

We have made these remarks to invite popular attention to this most important matter. Can the smoke and fuels from our furnaces and dwellings be consumed, prevented or utilized? If correctly applied, the largest portion of this smoke is composed of pure carbon, which is forced by the gases in the coal to find its way unconsumed to the upper air through the flues of chimneys and furnace stacks. Now, if this be correct, then it is only necessary to remove its presence, to prevent by some simple chemical process, the gases that give it motion, from doing their unnecessary and useless work in its common smoke, without utilizing in some form, as the same waste of fuel that now exists—to prevent its formation except in the furnace and to utilize it—it appears to us is the great desideratum.

Various methods have been proposed for the consumption of smoke, but few for prevention and utilization. We are informed that several modes have been recently introduced to secure all the beneficial advantages accruing from removing the nuisance, and at the same time so to use it as to make a large saving in fuel.

It is alleged that at a temperature of about eight hundred and fifty degrees the carbonic gas, so easily found in our atmosphere, will readily unite, may indeed seek a union with the oxygen in the air. Ignition instantly follows, and the carbon and other material of combustible matter contained in the coal is converted into heat, together with heats secured by the combination of these gases. Here, then, we have secured all the caloric now obtained from burning coal, together with the superadded force of fire originated from the ignition of the gases and fine carbon now useless and unemployed, or burned at the top of the stack, without use, where this combustion now takes place, as may be seen at any of our rolling mills during the night or day.

From a description of several furnaces recently erected we believe the results above indicated have been obtained. If, then, it is feasible to remove this nuisance, utilize what is now wasted, secure health and comfort and make our city as clean and delightful as any of the other cities of the continent, we ask that public attention be given to the matter. We do not know how a citizen could more greatly benefit his neighbors or be more justly entitled to be called a philanthropist and benefactor, than to introduce among us with success this valued change in the present condition of things. We may say more on this subject after we have examined some of the furnaces now erected. We are not sufficiently versed in mechanic arts to know what is best, and shall therefore make up our minds by the results.

THE Ritualistic controversy does not lag, and promises shortly to break out again with increased violence. The Tyngs, Rev. John Cotton Smith, Rev. Alexander Vinton, Rev. Dr. Dyer, and other eminent clergymen of that school, are preparing to "thunder with the sons" during Anniversary week, to an extent, it is said, never before witnessed. If the High Churchmen are bent on drawing nearer and nearer to Rome, they say, it is their duty more and more to draw near to Geneva. Rev. Dr. DIX commences on Sunday next, a series of discourses in favor of the multiplication of Sacraments in the Episcopal Church. There is one such Sacrament—the Sacrament of Saint Mary—already in existence, but the necessities of the Church and of the times we live in, he says, demand more.

THE nineteenth annual meeting of the American Medical Association will be held in Washington on Tuesday, May 5th, 1868, at 12 o'clock, a. m. The following gentlemen are delegated from the Allegheny County Medical Society: Drs. Pollock, Wishart, Jones, Shaw, Fleming, Knox, Bonham and Jillson.

The State Medical Society meets Wednesday, June 10th, at 8 o. m., at the capitol in Harrisburg. Delegates from Allegheny county: Drs. McCook, Fowler, James King, Jones, Colby, Wishart, Shaw, Askin, Fleming, Gross, Stinson, Snodgrass, Trevor, G. L. Miller, Elliott, Gallaher.

A CHICAGO paper, in referring to the statement of the London correspondent of the Boston *Advertiser*, that the widow of Augustus Dickens was now living in London, says: "If this is true, she must have gone to England by telegraph, as she was certainly living in Chicago a few days ago, where she has lived for many years, and where Mr. Dickens's brother died and was buried." The *Advertiser* suggests that there may be some other way to account for this "seeming contradiction." Perhaps the Mr. Dickens also had two Mrs. Dickenses.

THE statement is obtaining general circulation that Lieutenant General W. T. Sherman is opposed to impeachment, but there is the best authority for denying it. His well-known aversion to being implicated in political matters has frequently caused him to say that he hoped he would never be obliged to return to Washington except on purely military business, but he carefully avoided any public expression of opinion regarding the merits of the trial.

THE Richmond *Enquirer* says the trial of Jefferson Davis, for some cause not apparent, is to be hurried up, and that under recent orders great activity is to be seen in the United States District Attorney's office in the connection. The opinion prevails that a hearing of some sort will take place at the opening of the court on the 4th of May.

THE Springfield (Mass.) *Republican*, taking its cue from the early returns from Georgia, remarks that the defeat of the Constitution "is another proof of the failure of the proscriptive system adopted in the South." The Constitution having been carried after all, will the *Republican* tell us what the result proves?

THE steamer Worcester, of the Baltimore and Ohio steamship line, arrived at Baltimore on Wednesday, with forty-eight passengers, the mails and a full cargo of general merchandise. Her outward cargo was nearly all engaged, besides several first class passengers.

THE Harrisburg *State Guard* says: More Republicans from this State will attend the Republican National Convention at Chicago than ever went from Pennsylvania to a similar body. The masses of the party are determined not to let their representatives sell them out.

THE Newark *Courier* asserts that the delegation from New Jersey to Chicago will support Colfax for Vice President as the choice of nine-tenths of the Republicans of that State.

FRUIT AND CROP PROSPECTS.

WASHINGTON COUNTY,
Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.
SCENERY STATION, A. V. R. R., April 27, 1868.

As you have solicited your friends to write concerning the fruit and farming prospects for the coming season, I would say that in this neighborhood and county the wheat and rye look unusually well. The weather, however, has been quite dry for this season of the year, and until lately it has been feared that the drought would injure the fall crops. But we had a rain last night, which although cold has added new vigor to the grain and pasture. Many farmers who had put out oats nearly a month ago, fear that they will be damaged by the cold and backward weather. In fact the weather has been quite cold and unpleasant this spring, and farmers have made but little progress in agriculture.

Fruit, with the exception of the peach, promises fair, and we think it generally uninjured. The writers have been so severe for some years past that the peach orchards are almost totally destroyed through this part of the country, and even what is left has been so badly frozen during the past winter that we may anticipate another failure the coming season.

With regard to cattle and other stock I would say that they have all wintered very well, except sheep. The past winter has been very hard on this class of domestic animals. Great numbers have died during the past winter and spring. The cause of this fatality among sheep arises, we believe, not so much from the severity of the cold as from the fact that the animals have been for three long months deprived of all manner of green substance, which is so necessary to the vitality of this class of animals.

Respectfully, yours,
A. ERASUS.

SHENANGO COUNTY, OHIO.
Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.
WARREN, April 25th, 1868.

In response to your request in reference to fruit and crop correspondence, I will write in your valuable and well-conducted paper for the following local facts from the south corner of Jefferson county, Ohio: In whose we have a prospect of a very abundant harvest. There was a fair amount of surface sown last fall, and it looks well now. The Spring having been very backward, there is very little of Spring crop in yet. For Fruit we have very encouraging prospects indeed. Out of seven hundred peach trees that I have, I do not think there are five trees that are not covered with a fine healthy bloom. Apples, plums, cherries and pears, all promise a full crop.

By reference to statistics in the Agricultural Report for 1864, I find that in the last half century there are only five years in which the peach tree has bloomed later than the present—the latest being the 15th of May, 1856. I think there is every reason to anticipate a full crop.

Yours, respectfully, &c. J. C. S.

It is stated that one of the compounding effects of a late spring is the fact that cold weather has entirely destroyed the eggs of destructive insects which usually attack themselves to fruit trees, where they work and hatch out. Farmers and young fruit, fruitculturists agree that the late cold rains, snow and slight frosts have exterminated the entire brood of these pestiferous insects.

The *Erie Dispatch* says: Advices from different parts of our county assure us that fruit buds are uninjured by the winter, and their slow development through the late cold weather, has been favorable to a good growth. Winter wheat is looking unusually well, and with favorable time, where it did not get a good growth last fall, the crop will be much larger than usual. Wheat and grass are needing rain badly, and young fruit trees will be apt to be injury. The dry weather has been excellent for sowing in spring crops, and most of the oats and barley ground has been sown, generally in better condition than usual. The winter and spring seeding have both been exceedingly favorable for fruit and crops, and we may expect a prosperous season for farmers, which will in turn assure prosperity to all branches of business.

From the neighboring counties in Ohio we have the following: The Bucyrus *Journal* says: The late cold spell came too soon to hurt the fruit very seriously, and so far as persons have examined for themselves, they find the rumors of the fruit being killed have their origin more in apprehension than in fact. The Delaware *Gazette* says: The late severe weather did not hurt the fruit buds in this region. We learn from an experienced horticulturist that the prospect is good for an abundant yield of all kinds of fruit. A portion of the peach crop in this county were killed during the winter, but enough remain unplagued to insure a good crop. All the other kinds of fruit have escaped injury. The Elyria *Pioneer* says: The fruit crop in this vicinity is said to be uninjured by the recent frosts. The Clinton *Republican* says: We announced with pleasure last week the safety of the peach trees thus far, by careful inquiry and examination, and had they received little or no injury from the late severe cold weather. Cherries have not fared quite so well, but their prospects, we are fortunately, seem to be almost entirely destroyed.

The Butler County *Citizen* says:—During the last ten days we have made diligent inquiry of farmers from almost every township in our county, (Butler,) in regard to the fall crops, and with few exceptions the statement is that the prospect is good. It is thought that the fruit will be plenty, with the exception of peaches, which are supposed to be considerably injured.

The Zanesville *Courier* says: Notwithstanding the general outcry a few days ago that the fruit had all been killed, it is now decidedly ascertained that but very few of the buds, either of the cherries or peaches, were injured, and that the apples are all safe, so that in all probability we shall have an abundant fruit crop the present year.

Chicago and Baltimore.

The Baltimore *American* says: As an instance of the expeditious manner in which produce is now transported from the far West to the seaboard, it may be worthy of mention that the "Empire Transportation Company" have this week brought through on this city, in four days from Chicago, fourteen cars of corn, each car a wheel and seven of oats, in bulk. These cars were transported over the Northern Central Railroad's extension to the grain elevator at Canton's wharf, and were made from Chicago to the wharf being just four days. They will be seen with what surprising facility Western grain can be shipped from this point to Europe. The Empire Line has already made a similar trip at Jackson's wharf; it will now be perfectly feasible to load a ship with grain in somewhat less than a week from the time her cargo starts from Chicago to this, the nearest point on the seaboard. We may also mention, incidentally, as a small indication of the extent of the transportation trade of Baltimore, that fourteen cars of bulk meats have been transported by the Empire Line from Chicago to this city in the last few days.

CAPTAIN J. C. CULBERTSON, an old and prominent citizen, died at his residence on Sixth street, Cincinnati, Saturday evening, after a long and painful illness. He was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1790, served in the war of 1812, resigned his commission in 1813, and after trading a few years on the frontiers, he came to Cincinnati in 1826. Sometime later he assisted in the organization of the Franklin Bank, and after the surrender of its charter, he, in connection with Hon. H. Goodrich and John Kilgour, he engaged in the private banking business, following it for many years. Upon the purchase of his interest in the bank, by the present management of the reorganized Franklin Bank, Captain Culbertson retired from active life. For many years he was a member of the Fifth Presbyterian Church, but more recently he had been associated with the Central Presbyterian. He leaves a large family and many friends to mourn his death.

REV. DR. BURCHARDINE, of Kentucky, is outspoken for General Grant for the Presidency. He does not support him on the grounds of availability, but because he esteems him "the fittest man for the office in America." He also considers him the best sort of an American gentleman. Not a genius, dazzling everybody with the brilliancy of his talents, but a man of great ability, of unsurpassed judgment, and of undoubted fairness and honesty. He thinks he knows the right, and has the both the courage and the power to do it. He does not think that General Grant lacks any essential requisite for the ruler of this nation during the present crisis.

MEAT of any kind may be preserved in any temperature after it has been soaked for ten minutes in a solution made of the following ingredients, well mixed: One pint of common salt dissolved in four gallons of clear cold water and half a gallon of the bisulphite of calcium solution. This recipe has just been patented in England, and experiments there show that meats so prepared will keep for twelve days in a temperature of from 80 to 110 degrees and preserve their odor and flavor unimpaired. By keeping the process meats may be indefinitely preserved, and if it is desired to keep them for an unusually long time, a little solution of gelatine or white of an egg may be added to the wash.

SUFFERING IN CAMBRIA COUNTY, PA.—The Cambria *Press*, of the 23d inst., has the following startling announcement: "We were informed by a gentleman that there are about thirty families at the Cambria Cameron Colly *starving to death!* The works have been closed for several weeks, and the miners have left to look for work, leaving their families entirely destitute and in a most pitiable condition. We trust the citizens of the county will immediately adopt some measure to relieve them, by appointing committees to collect and how and where. The case does not admit of delay."

WE are informed that the Republicans of Philadelphia and New York, contemplating to be in attendance at the Chicago Convention on the 20th of May, have chartered (the Pullman) three of Woodruff's sleeping car palaces and the New Yorkers six. This arrangement will avoid the changes and delays incident to the ordinary way of marching. The cars from either city, as these cars will be run cargo from either city, as these cars will be run through without change. They are also to be used for lodging purposes while in Chicago.

PITTSBURGH MANUFACTURES.

A Day with the Glass Makers.

WM. McCULLY & CO.'S WORKS.

"I have a great curiosity to see glass rolled," remarked one Western friend the other morning as we discussed our toast. He looked at the heavy cut gutted before him as he spoke, and glanced towards the window specularities, dipping his toast in an absent minded way into the egg glass which stood at his elbow, which caused it to topple over. A moment later it lay on the floor in fragments, having unfortunately struck the leg of a chair in its rapid descent; whereupon our friend was suddenly aroused from his reverie to the reality with a vivid blush and an exclamation. At that moment our oldest was guilty of a soliloquy which drew down upon him his mother's reproving glance, while we suddenly dipped into the subject hinted at. Said we:

"The manufacture of glass is a very interesting process; we have never seen it rolled ourselves, but we will take great pleasure in accompanying you through a glass factory."

"How do they roll glass, window glass, I mean?" queried our friend. "Is it rolled in sheets like iron and steel, and cut in lengths, or is it made in slabs and sawed?" Upon which we ventured the supposition that it was rolled into sheets, and afterwards cut in proper lengths. Whereupon our oldest was guilty of a second soliloquy which immediately led to his subjugation by means of a cake with the greater portion of his handkerchief in his mouth. Shortly afterwards we overheard him telling his younger brother that a boy with his first "chip flap"——an individual glass bottle with a broad, thin, wheating bottom—ought to know more than we did.]

Half an hour later, in company with our friend, we called at the warehouse of one of our leading window and bottle glass establishments, where we made our errand known to one of the proprietors. "Ah!" said he in his genuine dry way, while a smile hovered around his mouth, "we can't show you the rolling process to-day, but we will show you everything else that can be seen in a glass factory." The works were at a considerable distance from the warehouse, the proprietor entertained us on the way with a history of glass making, which, as near as we can remember, embraced the following:

GENERALITIES CONCERNING THE MANUFACTURE OF GLASS.

The story Pliny relates concerning the origin of glass is curious and romantic, recently, however, it has been alleged that modern researches prove conclusively that the ship-wrecked mariners were not the first to discover the art of making glass. There are a number of curious circumstances connected with the origin and progress of glass making; enough in fact to make a very respectable volume which could not fail to prove instructive and interesting to the general reader. For instance, an able writer recently conceived the idea that the early manufacture of glass in France had been the result of the superstitious fears of the French revolution. At one time it was deemed expedient to confine the manufacture of glass solely among the nobles of that country, a decree having been issued to that effect. That was before Colbert enriched France with the manufacture of blown mirror glass. The revolutions, however, were the first who attempted any degree of excellence in the manufacture. Later England, Bohemia and Belgium, succeeded in producing a quality of glass unrivalled for richness and strength, but to state a fact boldly, the glass manufacturers in this country have nothing to learn from England, France or Belgium, where the business has proved most remunerative. We Americans came by the art honestly—that is to say, we inherited it. Window glass was first manufactured in England, in London, 1557. The fact that the first sheets for mirrors and coach windows were made in Lambeth in 1673, a century later, leads us to believe that the trade merely vegetated. This was in part owing to the restrictions placed upon the manufacture by a stupid government. To come nearer our own country, Pennsylvania can boast the honor of having the first glass manufactured in the country. Pittsburgh alone contains twenty bottle and phial factories, twenty-three window glass factories, and twenty-five flint glass factories. In addition to these there are other factories engaged in the manufacture of lamp chimneys, making a total of sixty-eight. The first on the list produces 70,000,000 bottles per annum; the second produces about six hundred thousand boxes of glass annually, amounting to nearly three millions of dollars, while the first glass factories alone produce upwards of three thousand eight hundred tons of glass per annum. In this country, without fancy glassware in this country, worth about two and a half millions of dollars, making an aggregate of nearly seven millions of dollars, or about half of the total value of all the glass manufactured in the country."

The first glass factory west of the Allegheny Mountains was built at New Geneva in 1797. Nine years later General James O'Hara and Major Isaac Craig began the manufacture of window glass at Pittsburgh, since which time it gradually increased until to-day, Pittsburgh is the great glass centre of the country.

The material used for glass is generally made from a mixture of quartz sand, lime, common salt and sodaash.

A large amount of these ingredients are mixed at one "batch," divided into equal proportions, and placed in large "pots" composed of German clay, to be melted into glass. This clay is preferred from the fact that it contains very little iron or lime. The manufacture of these "pots" form a large item in the business. We have seen in one room upwards of $40,000 worth piled in glass pots almost to the ceiling, weight from fifteen hundred pounds, three thousand pounds, average thirty-six inches in length by thirty-six in diameter, and held from twenty-five to twenty-seven hundred pounds of glass. The process of making these large "pots" is rather tedious, requiring extraordinary care and experience. The clay is first crushed, moistened and kneaded into a smooth paste in large vats or kneading troughs. When it is thoroughly tempered by the aid of the proper consistency, the pot-maker forms the bottom cake on a board, and proceeds to build up the sides by laying on continuous rolls of clay above each other with his hands, a process requiring not a little skill and considerable labor. The pots are then numbered, dated, and set apart to dry by atmospheric temperature, sometimes standing ere they are ready for use. A good "pot" will last from eight to twelve weeks, sometimes, however, they break the day they are placed in the furnace. Before placing them in the furnace, they are subjected to a gradual heat in a reverberatory oven, or vault, from whence they are conveyed with the utmost rapidity to the furnace.

A bottle furnace is constructed over an arched vault, the middle of which is left open in order to create draft for the furnace. In this opening the grate-bars are placed, which, over the furnace, in the shape of a horseshoe, and averaging from twelve to fifteen feet in diameter is constructed of large and thoroughly baked brick composed of German clay, prepared in a manner similar to that already described in the manufacture of the "pots." On either side of the fire-bed large blocks of sand stone are built in the bottom of the furnace in such a manner as to leave from ten to twelve inches exposed to the heat of the fire. Upon these the glass-pots are placed. Semi-circular openings varying from five to twelve inches are made in the sides of the furnace above and opposite the mouth of the "pots," and about three feet from the bottom of the furnace; the top of the furnace, which forms an arch, is then built in with a paste of the same material, and a slow fire introduced. A large chimney or stack from forty to fifty feet in height, built immediately over the furnace carries away the smoke and heat which issues from the openings in the furnace. The heating of one of these furnaces occupies three weeks. When the furnace is in regular working order the bars forming the grate are drawn out every twenty-four hours, in order to remove the waste glass, or "slinkers" formed by the waste, which impedes the draft, an operation which requires but a few minutes, when fresh fuel is added and a perfectly clear draft obtained. The fuel used is chiefly bituminous coal. When the furnace is properly heated the glass mixture is shoveled into the opening, where the heat of the furnace vitrifies it in from fourteen to sixteen hours, according to the quality or nature of the glass required.

By the time our conductor had concluded his remarks we had arrived at the Phœnix bottle factory, where we had an opportunity of observing everything in the shape of a bottle, from a half drachm vial to a twenty gallon demijohn, blown. The capacity of the Phœnix Works (which contains seven "pots" and furnishes employment to thirty-four men and fifty boys) is about sixty gross per day.

A FEW FACTS IN A BOTTLE.

The skill, dexterity and manual labor involved in the manufacture of a bottle is exceedingly simple, requiring but little practice, and all but less mechanical ingenuity. The brains of the business, in brief, is to be found in the mixing of the glass, the manufacture of the glassing of the glass, the manufacture of the glass-pots, and the management of the furnace. To illustrate this, let us observe the process which gives to the world a pint flask. A mere lad employed as a "gatherer" takes a hollow iron tube or blow-pipe, advances to one of the openings above a glass-pot, dips the tube into the molten metal, turns it around until he has obtained the amount necessary to make a bottle, and hands it to the blower, who stands beside him. The latter rolls the glass rapidly on a smooth stone in front of him in such a manner as to throw the bulk of the glass at the extreme end of the pipe, where the centrifugal motion gives it a bulged shape, when he places his mouth to the pipe, and blows steadily into it until the bulge assumes a globular form, which is next placed in a mould (constructed in such a manner as to open and close with a slight pressure of the foot) where he continues to blow in until the glass is distended throughout the mould, when the latter is opened, the bottle lifted out and swung towards the furnace. A quick movement detaches the blow pipe from the neck of the bottle, the latter is then placed in a clamp or "punta," which nearly covers it, the mouth or neck of the bottle held a few seconds in the opening, withdrawn as suddenly, placed upon an iron support in the form of two semi-circular rings or hoops, in which it is turned rapidly by the blower as he applies the iron tool which fashions the mouth of the bottle. A tap on the blow-pipe now detaches the latter from the bottle, which is now in the "finisher" on an iron fork and placed in the annealing oven, where it remains three days or until the oven cools gradually, when the bottle is removed to the packing room. The packing, we may add, is a very large item in the window glass and bottle factories. Messrs. McCully & Co. consumed in one year one million five hundred thousand feet of lumber for packing purposes.

A good workman can earn from four to six dollars per day at bottle-blowing. Recently we observed a statement in a popular magazine implying that it was impossible to manufacture a good champagne bottle in Pittsburgh. Perhaps the best answer to the loose statement alluded to may be given in the fact that, as yet there has been no considerable demand for the article in question in this country. When the demand is imperative, the bottles will be on hand.

THE WILLOW TRADE.

Upon entering the packing room, our attention was attracted by the dexterous movements of the fingers employed in the business of encasing the demijohns in willow baskets. The willow employed for this purpose was imported up to 1866, when the original proprietor of the works were at a considerable distance from the warehouse, the proprietor entertained us on the way with a history of glass-making, which, as near as we can remember, embraced the following:

HOW WINDOW GLASS IS MADE.

Recently our attention was called to a palpable error on the part of a popular writer who described at length the process of making window glass. We fancy his confusion, were the error pointed out to him would scarcely equal ours upon our entrance into the Sligo Works. We were reminded forcibly of our oldest's singular conduct in the morning, and experienced the conviction which semi-occasionally overtakes even a dunce. Our friend, judging from his look of amazement, and the covert expression in his eye as he encountered ours, was also "under conviction." This was the result of the sudden comprehension of the first fact in the manufacture of window glass, which, instead of being rolled into flat sheets, (as many uninformed people may suppose,) is blown like a bottle. The pots, furnaces and manner of mixing the glass are identical with those of the bottle factories. There, however, the similitude ceases.

The window glass blower receives from his "gatherer" a piece of glass on the end of his blow-pipe weighing from sixteen to twenty-five pounds, which he places in a convex block of wood, or plate of iron, turning it rapidly as he blows in it, while his helper pours water over it. The ball gradually assumes a globular or peach-like shape, ten or twelve inches in diameter, with the greater portion of the glass on the lower side. The blower next places the globe in the opening of the furnace, resting his blow-pipe upon an upright rod with a groove in it, placed by his helper, and turning it round proceeds to blow his cylinder. The close observer now perceives the object aimed at, increasing the diameter of the globe, since the body of the cylinder as it elongates, adapts itself to the diameter first secured, until the material is exhausted. The blower continues to blow until the convex end of the cylinder (which extends into the furnace some distance,) is perforated, when it is withdrawn, and the blower, leaving his platform, steps down to the floor and deposits his cylinder on a form, touches the end towards him with a cold iron, when that portion of the glass adhering to the iron contracts, and a sharp tap of the ged edge. Picking up a piece of molten metal with a pair of pincers, he pulls it out into a thin thread, draws the latter around the jagged end of the cylinder, touches it with a cold iron or a drop of water, when it cracks off, leaving a perfectly even edge. Directly a workman presses a long iron rod, heated to a red heat, from one end to the other of the cylinder, places a drop of water on it, when it cracks in a perfectly straight line from end to end. The cylinder is now ready for

COAL FLATTENING OVEN.

The flattening oven is heated at one side, and in such a manner as to project the volume of heat in a semi-circular course. If one can conceive a huge chimney laid down upon one side and attached to an oven of perhaps six feet in diameter, carrying away the heat from the same, he will obtain a fair idea of the general appearance of the flattening oven as we examined it. The bottom of this oven is constructed in the shape of a huge drum, and in such a manner as to revolve easily. The cylinder placed in this oven shortly after it is made, otherwise the action of the atmosphere would cause it to break in pieces in a few days at most. In placing the cylinder in the flattening oven, care is taken to subject it to the heat gradually. In order to do this, the cylinder is placed in an opening immediately opposite the furnaces, after lying a few minutes it is shifted to the next opening, where a workman opens the yielding sides of the cylinder, and turns the edges upwards. It is then shifted to another opening, where a workman with a flannel mop removes any dirt or foreign substance which may have fallen on it, when it passes to the next opening, where the flattener stands ready to flatten it. This is done with a broad piece of lynn wood which is very light and persone,) when the revolving cylinder carries the flat sheet back to the side it started from, where, after lying a few minutes, it is placed on a peculiarly constructed iron carriage which stands on a railway, and moved forward gradually through an oven from sixty to one hundred feet in length, a movement involving two days. At the end of forty-eight hours these carriages are drawn from the oven and wheeled into

THE CUTTING ROOM.

We counted ten men in the cutting room—cutting up the large sheets into every possible size, regular and irregular, according to order. The large sheet is placed upon a broad cutting table, with an iron measure or rule in front and across the left end of the table. The cutter lays the sheet upon this table, looks at his order, and keeping strict economy in view (for his wages depends upon the amount of square feet he guts out of his glass per day,) proceeds to cut his sheet into one, three or seven sizes, throwing the waste into a box at his left hand, from whence it is raked out, again to be melted over, since there is no absolute waste in the manufacture of glass. An expert at the business can earn from forty to sixty dollars per week at glass cutting, while a good window glass blower generally makes from forty to seventy-five dollars per week.

The amount of fuel consumed daily in the factories alluded to amount to one thousand seven hundred bushels of coal. A large amount of cord-wood is also consumed. The window-glass factories occupy an area of about two acres, while the dwelling houses occupied by the workmen cover at least eight additional acres, an area equal to four of our largest squares. The number of hands employed in the four factories is about four hundred and fifty.

In conclusion we may add that thirteen hundred tons of soda ash, three thousand tons of sand, nine hundred tons of lime, and a large amount of salt, magnesse, black lead and other chemicals are consumed annually in these four factories.

"We are indebted to Thurston's *Quarterly Trade Circular* for the above figures.

[There are actually at present two window glass and two bottle factories, namely, the Empire and Sligo, in Sligo, and the Pittsburgh and Phœnix, in the Fifth and Ninth wards.

PHILADELPHIA with her eight hundred thousand inhabitants returns 108,182 buildings. Of this number 385 are churches, 253 schools, public and denominational; 1,266 mills and factories, 60 public institutions, 27 theaters and halls, and 56 bone factories, leaving over one hundred thousand for dwelling houses, or one house to every eight persons. A very large proportion of these buildings are substantially built, stone and brick predominating.

THEODORE PARKER coming home some years ago from Concord, whither he had been on a visit to Mr. Ralph Waldo Emerson and other literary celebrities, was accosted by a raving Millerite, who told him the world would be destroyed on a certain day, naming the day. Mr. Parker patiently heard him through, and quietly replied: "But, my good sir, all this does not concern me, I live in Boston."

LETTER FROM GEN. BRISBIN.

His Answer to his Assailants—His Views on Impeachment—His Presidential Aspirations, &c.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23, 1868.

To the Editor of the Commercial:

As I came through your city on Tuesday, I bought of a newsboy your paper and found in it a scurrilous communication, purporting to be written at Blairsville, Pa. I write to inform you that you have been imposed upon by your correspondent, and that if my attorney can find ground for a libel suit, your correspondent will have an opportunity of proving in the civil courts of Westmoreland some of the statements he has made against me. I seldom notice anonymous attacks, for they always come from some disreputable person who knows if he would sign his name no one would believe what he has written. Cowards and scoundrels always hide behind a fictitious name.

I presume the writer of the article that appeared in your issue of the 21st, is a person who owes me some ill will, and takes that pitiable way of showing it. He says he knew me well in former days. I beg his pardon, but he is mistaken; my associations, from my earliest recollection, have been with gentlemen.

While I think in some parts of his communication your correspondent has rendered himself liable for libel, in others he is nearly or quite correct. I did say when "about eighteen years of age," stump the State for my relative, Governor Wm. F. Packer. As to the character of my speeches, your writer is welcome to his opinion; but it does not agree with the opinion of the people and the expression of the journals at the time. From an old scrap book, which I happen to have in my trunk, I make the following extract:

"It will be remembered that James S. Brisbin stumped the State for Packer last fall, and with signal success, if we may be allowed to judge by the many eulogies pronounced upon him by the Democratic press, the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia papers most eulogized. Not only did the Democratic press mention his courtesy, but the Independent journals, and in one or two instances opposition papers paid him some fine compliments for his frank bearing and genius of oratory."—*Blairsville True American.*

The article from which I extract the above appeared in a paper opposed then to me in politics, and published in the very town from which your correspondent writes. Mr. Thomas Reid, the editor of the *American*, was not a man to pay compliments to a political opponent, unless they were deserved. If I was "the silly, empty-headed babbler" your correspondent represents me to have been, it is singular the Committee and the Governor paid their money to keep me on the stump. Why did they not retire me and pay some smart, sensible fellow, like your correspondent to make speeches for them?

Your writer says I was a "brazen-faced, impudent upstart who thrust myself upon everybody." I have always tried to be impudent. I like impudent men. They are generally independent and honest. It is your modest, quiet, easy-going, soft-mannered men who are sneaks and betray their party and friends. Ben. Butler is the type of American man I like. I always thrust myself forward, too. I don't want to horrify or shock your correspondent's modest feelings, but I must in candor tell him I intend to get all I can, and if the people will back me as the Presidency I will do it. My mother told me I ought to do so, and I have always been in the habit of following her advice, your correspondent to the contrary notwithstanding. Besides, I believe it is a well settled principle of this Government that it is the privilege of every American citizen to get all he can and hold fast to what he has got. I would not, however, have any one to understand that I am personally a rude or unmannered man. I do my own thinking and act for myself, but while I always endeavor to have an opinion of my own, and often express

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KNOCH ARDEN AGAIN.

A Nevada Widow Erects a Tombstone to her Husband, and is married by Him on the Eve of Second Marriage.

[From the Virginia (Nevada) Enterprise, March 8.

Some few years ago Henry Thomas married a young lady—no matter about her name—in the town of V——, ——county California. About a year after their marriage Thomas concluded it best for both that he should go over the Sierra Nevada mountains and find work in our mines. Leaving his wife in California, he came here and obtained employment in a mine on Gould Hill. For some time all went well, and the wife heard regularly from her husband; then came a long and painful silence. Waiting in vain for a letter, she learned that a man named Henry Thomas, and answering the description in every respect as her husband, had been killed by a cavein the very mine he had written her he was working.

She came over the mountains, and was shown the grave of her husband in the cemetery near American Flat, obtaining employment at the hotel of Mrs. W——n, in this city, she was soon able to erect a handsome headstone over the grave of her dear departed, and, not content with a handsome paling, planted ornamentals about the grave. All this passed nearly three years ago, and her time of mourning having expired, she was wooed and won by a mining acquaintance she had made here in Steamboat. The day was fixed for the union of the loving pair, and, during the past week, the widow was at work making the wedding garments. However, "there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip." Day before yesterday came to the hotel of Mrs. W——y a man whom she at once recognized as the veritable and genuine Henry Thomas, having known him in California, previous to and after the time of his marriage.

At first he denied being the man she knew, but finally admitted the fact upon being pressed as to how matters were going in Sharon county. She—the present mistress of his wife. He went to see her, and presenting himself to her, asked her if she knew him, when she turned coolly away. He then made himself known and related so many circumstances that there was no room to doubt that he was dead and she her was really her husband. At last she admitted that she knew him, but told him plainly that she wanted nothing more to do with him. As she had once mourned over his grave, and performed her duty in erecting a tombstone and planting ornamentals thereon, she perhaps thought that she might be excused for not shedding any tears for him. She told him, however, that half a dozen Henry Thomases, being unable to obtain any further satisfaction, the husband came back to the city, where, he is now, undecided what course to pursue. It is pretty clear that the wedding cannot go on in the present state of the "situation," and it is said that a divorce can still be the final step taken by the wife or widow, whichever she may be called. But we hear that there are even troubles in this direction, the lady being very religious and belonging to a church that does not much believe in divorces.

Tenacity of Vegetable Life.

Everywhere, both in the vegetable and animal kingdoms, we find ourselves in our investigations at a loss to ascribe as the real essence of vital principle. We witness its workings all around us and in us, and we are conscious of its existence even when we cannot define it. As a latent life we find it concealed in the germs of plants, waiting for the proper time for its activity, and we have evidence of its great patience and endurance when seeds which have long stored up in tombs and catacombs are restored to suitable condition of soil and atmosphere. Dr. Lindley, the learned botanist, asserts that mummy seeds, found in Celtic tombs, and which numbered at least seventy-two hundred years of existence, germinated perfectly, and produced plants which still exist in the International Botanic Garden in London. W. Desmoulins says that seeds of helianthus, inverse, and cornflower found in some Roman tombs of the second and third centuries after Christ, when germinated, grew perfectly, and fruited, and in England patches of wheat are quite common, said to have been originally derived from seed obtained from Egyptian mummies.

There are instances where the vital principle has endured through ages and ages, excluded, in a great measure, from the natural changes of the atmosphere, and from decay, that the seeds of the older germinated after being twice boiled in making wine, and remaining twenty months in the forge of the smelter and Pepys found that the spouse of the cod mould, in the interior of barrels dried at Paris, some twenty years ago, did not lose their vitality on being heated to a temperature of even 120 degrees F., but germinated and produced red sweet or durgon.

It is not alone in the seed that we find the remarkable tenacity for the vivifying itself, but the vital principle possesses the same power of lying dormant in the plant, and of enduring great changes of temperature. The Lemon Cypress of Oregon and California, of the Pinaster family, will sprout when kind experiments have been for years or more in an herbarium, and Edwards and Colin found that some insects, after undergoing great cold (some 20 degrees below zero or 40 degrees of ice) and then heat (a little over 100 degrees F.), and still germinate. Dr. Lyall, of the British Navy, discovered a specimen of Lowria in boiling water in the gunpowder of the ship before laying it, and put it showed symptoms of vitality more than a year and a half afterwards. Lowria is found in the hotter Low countries, by the continent, but of Africa. Numerous microphytous plants remain in about 10,000 feet. Lichens are found at 19,000 feet. Phanerogamous plants at 16,000 feet. Mosses are found at 18,000 feet, and some plants have been known to germinate after being subjected to a dry cold of 0 degrees F., before and after.

The tenacity of life in the vegetable kingdom is sometimes shown in still another way. We can see no reason why exogenous trees, or those whose growth is on the exterior, as oaks, elms, firs, and beeches, should not live on for ever, for the bark is capable of indefinite extension, and each year of annual growth soon becomes independent of all that is within, so that the death of the interior does not affect it, so far as we can see, necessitate a diminution of vitality in the circumference, hence as timber trees, the most vigorous looking trees, are often hollow. But they also know that, in spite of theory, all the different kinds of trees have a certain average term of existence, and that it is not probable that any can stand beyond a certain age, for they decrease in their rate of growth or laying on of woody material, and show vitality weaken.

A Japanese Bottle.

Every Japanese boy, of no matter what class in society, appears inspired with an innate love of country. The daughter of the humblest tradesman loves to pass whole days in shopping and takes the greatest delight in preparing long before it is needed, the dress she intends to display for the first time at the next *yo*. The day arrived, the happy girl rises early in the morning, and while her fresh new dress lies in one corner of the room, impatiently submits to the dilatory labors of her hair-dresser, in whose profession there are many artists so celebrated that they devote whole years to the study and all requisite for the composition of some graceful or fashionable style, whose the hair, carefully combed with the brush and pomade, half hides a piece of *crepe* exquisitely chosen and fastened by heavy pins of tortoise shell or coral. The chignon is made to conform, in part altogether of Nature's growth, and if, after the hair, we examine the face, we shall see that Madame Rachel herself could not teach the Japanese much in the art of making up. After the dressing table stand a perfect collection of little boxes just drawn from some toilet plate; there are whitest for the neck, the arms and the head; reds for the mouth and the cheek; black for the eye; sometimes gold for the lips; and red, with all these aids from art, is unable to compete with the natural beauty of the children are the most lofty with paint.

Putting aside this country, universal in spite of its bad taste, the dress is very simple and invariably well chosen. A silk robe, generally of a dark hue, covers a cloche or *crepe* made of small patches of every color, a perfect harlequin's mantle, where bright green is placed beside a lively red. In the winter this dress is completed by a short mantle flounced and thickened according to the season. The dress is long, without, and open from top to bottom, the upper part is confined by a belt broad enough to cover the breast and the lower part of the form, and terminating behind in an enormous knot, in the width of which more or less elegance demands a careful examination and many retouches. The sleeves hang like large pockets. To the hole are fastened a pipe in a velvet case and a pocket-book, containing two chopsticks of silver, if it is intended to do honor to the host, who may offer refreshments. In one corner of the pocket-book sparkles a little mirror, a European innovation for our civilization has made this slight breach of Japanese manners. During the greater portion of the year the feet are bare, in Winter they are clad in white cotton, and rest upon sandals of varnished wood, kept by wooden supports high enough above the ground to escape the mud and damp. The cotton is ornamented with braids of straw, or sometimes of velvet, and is held to the foot by a strip of cloth passed between the toes. Occasionally it is recovered with leather or paper to insure immunity by facing worn in the house.

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7,000 CASE FISHING POLES.

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200 bbls. N. O. Molasses;
200 bbls. N. O. Sugar;
200 bags Rio Coffee;
200 bags Laguayra Coffee;
20 bags Old Government Java Coffee;
25 bbls. loaves, quarters and kits, No. 1, 2 and 3 Bay and Shore Mackerel;
50 bbls. Syrups and Golden Drips;
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ALSO, BIN CASED FINE

COGNAC BRANDY

IN GLASS, PINTS AND QUARTS.

250 Cases and Baskets Best & Choice Cincinnati Catawba

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PROPOSALS.

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Will be received by the Water Committee of the City of Pittsburgh, until 12 o'clock, M., of

TUESDAY, MAY 12th,

FOR THE FURNISHING, VIZ.:

AN ENGINE AND PUMP,

Of the Guiney Worsop, suitable to connect directly and work in the Engine House at the Smithfield Reservoir.

Proposals will also be received for furnishing the following articles:

FIVE BOILERS,

Each 30 feet long by 66 inches diameter, with two 20 inch Flues, Steam Dome, Steam Pipe, Stream and Blow Connections, &c.

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Each 30 feet long by 60 inches diameter, with two 18 inch Flues, Steam Dome, Steam Pipe, Stream and Blow Connections, &c.

Proposals will also be received for furnishing the following articles:

LAYING WATER PIPE.

During the present season, on such streets and alleys as may from time to time be directed by the Committee.

Proposals will also be received for furnishing the following articles:

CASTINGS.

Of Canal and Pipe Castings, Gates, Stocks and Boxes, Water Wheels, &c., in the Lower Works, after the following patterns:

[illegible] 12 inch Gate Valves.
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JOSEPH FRENCH,

Superintendent Water Works.

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STATEMENT OF ITS CONDITION

On the 1st day of January, 1868.

Cash Capital, $200,000 00
Surplus, 133,977 22
Total Assets, $333,977 22

INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:

Cash on hand, in Banks and in transit, $ 54,858 83
Bonds and Mortgages, 107,000 00
Real Estate, 107,000 00
Bills Receivable for Insurance made, 42,043 85
Interest due and accrued, 2,000 00
Premiums in course of collection, 20,000 00
Stocks and Bonds, viz.:
U. S. 6 per cent. Bonds, $ 50,000 00
Pittsburgh City 6 per cent. Bonds, 50,000 00
Allegheny City 6 per cent. Bonds, 50,000 00
Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago R. R. Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Pittsburgh & Connellsville R. R. Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Pittsburgh & Steubenville R. R. Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Pittsburgh & Erie R. R. Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Pittsburgh & Allegheny Bridge Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Pittsburgh & Birmingham Bridge Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Pittsburgh Gas Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Citizens' Gas Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Manufacturers' Gas Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Pittsburgh Insurance Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Citizens' Insurance Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Western Insurance Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Pittsburgh Trust, Loan & Insurance Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Exchange Insurance Co. Stock, 50,000 00
Total Assets, $1,333,977 22

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Philip Schmidt, Joseph Kingsbury,
Wm. F. Herbert, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, Pittsburgh, April 23, 1868.

The Directors have this day declared a Dividend of Four per cent. for the last six months, payable to the Stockholders or their legal representatives on demand.

The Transfer Books will be closed from this date until the 1st of May.

W. VANKIRK,
Vice President.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, Allegheny, April 23, 1868.

Notice is hereby given that the Interest on the Funded Debt of the City of Allegheny, due May 1st, 1868, will be paid on and after that date, at the Office of the City Treasurer, Allegheny.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th inst. until the 1st of May.

JAMES McMURRAY,
City Treasurer.

Pittsburgh, April 23, 1868.

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WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED

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Of our own Direct Importation, the Newest and Choicest Patterns of the celebrated John Crossley & Sons'

ENGLISH TAPESTRY,

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Our stock of Common all wool Carpets, purchased before the carpet weavers' strike, will be sold at the same rates as previous to the last advance, and will furnish Carpets to the multitude at the lowest cash prices since the war. A good Carpet for 25 cents a yard.

N. B.—Those having parlors or drawing rooms to furnish are specially invited to examine the unusually large number of Patterns particularly adapted to that purpose, which we offer in Wilton and Tapestry Velvets and Brussels, at Low Prices.

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The Daily Commercial

CITY MATTERS.

The Allegheny Water Cure [illegible] is now in full operation, with [illegible] Dr. [illegible], Physician in charge.

Personal.—J. T. Hall, editor of the Pittsburgh Gazette, has been added to the editorial staff of the Wednesday Chronicle.

In Memoriam.—While in East Birmingham yesterday, we noticed that the early pears in the orchard of Mrs. Phillips, on Carson street, were in full bloom.

Death Reported.—Officer McConnelly, of the Water-st police, yesterday attended two boys, an associate of each, who had been caught in the act of [illegible] from a car on the Fourth street track. The boys were taken before a magistrate.

Lost Her Mittens.—Yesterday a woman named Mcllvaine, residing on Mount Washington, lost her pocket-book, either on Smithfield street or in the No. 6 of the Birmingham Passenger Railway. The book contained upwards of five dollars.

Very Explicit.—An order of a Register in Bankruptcy, filed in the United States District Court, published as follows: Provided further, that no sales shall be held at the said time and place, to wit: the time and place aforesaid.

Fourteen Residences Sold.—The residence of Mr. Griffith, located at Homewood, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and advertised to be sold at auction on Monday, May 4th, was purchased privately a few days since by Mr. Wilson, of Wilson, Cunningham & Co., for $10,000. John F. Dravo, Esq., was the auctioneer.

Child Killed.—Walter Morgan, infant son of Thomas J. Morgan, who had but recently removed from Allegheny to New Alexandria, Indiana, was killed on the railroad near the latter place on the 16th inst., by the cars on the Indianapolis railroad, Mr. Morgan is employed in the engineering department of the road at New Alexandria.

The Hope Engine.—The new set of lines for the steamer of the Hope Fire Company, of Allegheny, arrived Monday from the Amoskeag Works, New Hampshire. The steamer has been out of service for some time past, and has been at the Allegheny Works, in Manchester, for repairs. The new lines will be put on, and the steamer be in service again in a few days.

The Strike.—The strike noticed yesterday as having occurred at the Hemelrieden Iron Works was in the "finishing" or "nailing" department. The latter will be out of work until the other departments are organized, as a compromise with the strikers is not probable. The nailers have only had one day's work this week, and a quarter last week.

[Before Alderman Scott.]

Assault and Battery.—C. F. Hauser, a butcher in the employ of Gilmore, Fowler & Company, was brought before United States Commissioner Gamble yesterday, on a charge of selling whisky without a license. It appears that he was in the house and the case was discussed. The prisoner was held to bail in the sum of $500 to appear at court, and in default of bail was committed to the custody of the United States Marshal.

A Fashionable Dog Case.—Justice Adams of East Birmingham yesterday took the information of Frederick Rosso, who charged Henry Yonce with keeping a fighting dog. Yonce is a resident of Temperanceville, and came to Birmingham on going to and from his home, and to obtain feed for his dog. Rosso's dog was attacked by Yonce's dog, and one of the latter was torn to pieces. Yonce was fined $5 and costs.

Alarm of Fire.—About a quarter before ten o'clock yesterday morning an alarm of fire was sounded from box 31, corner of Liberty and Cecil streets. The alarm was occasioned by the discovery of a small fire in the roof of the dwelling of Mr. Lee's stable. The engines were promptly on the ground, but their services were not required, as the fire was extinguished without their aid. The damage done was trifling, and was fully covered by insurance. The fire originated from the lapboard flue in the garret.

Extensive Sale.—It will be remembered that the entire establishment of Reinhardt, Lynn, in Diamond alley, was advertised some three weeks ago, but business was afterwards resumed, the proprietor giving bonds for the security of the United States. On the 30th inst. Mr. Lynn goes out of business, and in consequence H. D. Gamble and assistant sale is now in progress at the store, and will be continued for a few days at corner of corresponding the Diamond.

[Before Alderman Gripp.]

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Mary Ann King made information before Mayor Blackburn yesterday, alleging that her husband, Joseph King, had deserted her and their children, and refused to support or maintain her. The parties reside on Penn street near Thirty-first, and a warrant for the arrest of the accused was issued.

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Before Alderman McMasters.

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